

IN THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1~~A process for preparing solid polymeric pressure sensitive adhesive microspheres comprising:

- (a) contacting a polymerizable aqueous emulsion of at least one non-ionic monomer of an alkyl acrylate or alkyl methacrylate ester of a non-tertiary alcohol and at least one ionic monomer copolymerizable with said non-ionic monomer and at least one non-free radically polymerizable acid, wherein said non-free radically polymerizable acid is contacted with said polymerizable aqueous emulsion prior to achieving about 95% conversion of said non-ionic monomer; and
- (b) polymerizing the emulsion to form an aqueous suspension of said solid polymeric pressure sensitive adhesive microspheres;

wherein said non-free radically polymerizable acid is sulfuric acid.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~1~~9 further comprising adding a water soluble initiator to the polymerization mixture after achieving about 90% conversion of said non-ionic monomer.

13-28. (Cancelled)